

Taylorville Public Library Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 1, 2021 5:00 p.m.

Present: Steven Ward Ann Chandler Cathy Robertson  
Terri France Jim Olive Peggy Brown  
Lisa Cope

Public: none

Absent: Don Farrimond and Gary Merker

- I. President Chandler called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. She noted that Don Farrimond tendered his resignation from the board effective immediately.
- II. Approval of Minutes – none
- III. Public Forum – none
- IV. Director Ward stated his intention to accept a new position and leave his role at TPL.
- V. At 5:01 p.m., a motion (Olive/Brown) to move into closed session for discussion pertaining to the resignation of Director Ward and future staffing plan citing (5 ILCS 120/2) ) from Ch. 102, Par. 42) (Text of Section from P.A. 99-78) I Exception 1) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity passed unanimously.
- VI. A motion to return to regular session (Robertson/Olive) at 5:22 p.m. was unanimously approved.
  - a. A motion (France/Brown) to accept the resignation of Steven Ward as director of Taylorville Public Library effective May 11, 2021, was approved.
  - b. A motion (Brown/Cope) to appoint Morgan Ebert as interim director.
  - c. A motion (France/Brown) to pay Morgan Ebert an additional \$375 for the last half of April, and \$750 every month thereafter while serving as interim director was unanimously approved.
  - d. A motion (Chandler/France) that, as of 9/1/21, if no person with a Master's degree in Library & Informational Science has been hired, the board will consider other applicants for the position of director passed unanimously.
  - e. A motion (Olive/Chandler) to advertise for a new circulation employee was approved unanimously.
  - f. A motion (Chandler/Robertson) to require fingerprinting and a state and national criminal background check to be paid by TPL was unanimously approved.
  - g. A motion (Chandler/Olive) to approve the bidding process for the purchase and installation of automatic doors was approved unanimously.
  - h. A motion to adjourn (Brown/Olive) at 5:39 p.m. was approved unanimously.